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REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

THE

SELECTMEN,

AND THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR

1857-8.

NASHUA:

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUMMER TERM.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Districts,	23	No school in summer.	49	24	12	24	27	7	61	19	11	12
Whole No. of Scholars,	18		34	20	9	21	20	6	54	14	16	27
Average Attendance,			0			2	1	1	1	1	3	21
No. over 16 years,	23		49	24	12	22	26	6	60	18	16	1
No. between 4 and 16,												26
Teacher's wages per mo. incl'g board,					\$15.00			\$16.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
Do. per month, excluding board,	\$8.00			\$10.00		\$8.00	\$9.00					
Length of school in weeks,	12		15	13	10	10	12	7	10	10	12	12
No. of instances of tardiness,	50		179	152	35	50	7	2	207	24	57	24
No. of scholars not absent half a day,	5		0	3	1	4	2	1	19	1	2	3
No. of visits by citizens and others,	45		58	59	49	43	82	11	29	13	20	25

WINTER TERM.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Districts,	28	17	55	29	27	32	31	16	56	19	11	12
Whole No. of scholars,	15	12	48	26	21	29	26	14	41	16	26	27
Average Attendance,	4	8	5	8	10	8	7	5	6	3	3	22
No. over 16 years,	24	9	50	21	17	24	24	11	50	16	23	27
No. between 4 and 16,												
Teacher's wages per mo. incl'g board,		\$18.00	\$35.00	\$33.00	\$20.00			\$30.00	\$25.00			
Do. per month excluding board,	\$10.00					\$25.00	\$13.00			\$12.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
Length of school in weeks,	12	14	10	6	12	8	10	8	8	14	15	10
No. of instances of tardiness,	79	134		166	37	111	39	42	107	49	118	23
No. of scholars not absent half a day,	2	0	10	6	0	7	2	2	1	3	3	3
No. of visits by citizens,	21	31	40	21	32	13	40	18	9	56	31	17

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—The time having arrived when it becomes the duty of your committee to lay before you a statement of the condition of our common schools, we will endeavor to discharge that duty as well as our abilities will permit. It is our pleasure to report favorably of the condition and progress of the majority of our schools the past year. There have been no cases of insubordination among scholars, to require especial attention. Our Prudential Committees have exercised care in their selection of teachers, and have shown a good degree of interest in the welfare of the schools.

In some districts, as the registers show, parents have frequently visited their school, while in other districts the subject has been too much neglected.

Parents, we think, who have a proper regard for the moral and intellectual training of their offspring, should endeavor to visit their school at least twice in each term, especially at its close. The richest earthly treasures you have are there, and why should you not be there? Your presence would show that the district school is not beneath your notice, and that you feel an interest in those who enjoy its priceless advantages.

Particular attention should be paid to the proper ventilation of our school-houses. Some of them have a plenty of ventilation, but not of the right kind. It might perhaps be well to arrange the top sashes of our school-house windows, so as to let the used up and burnt up air escape, and be replaced with that which is new and fresh. It is a well known fact, that, without proper arrangements for ventilation, air, heated by an air-tight, or common box-stove, is greatly injurious, and retards very materially the progress of a school. Your

attention has been frequently called, by our predecessors, to the matter of school apparatus. Some of our school-houses are quite deficient in black-boards. They are indispensably necessary in teaching almost any branch of study required to be taught in our public schools. No excuse can be offered for any want of them on account of their expense. May it not be expected, therefore, that our registers for the future will show a very considerable increase in number and size. More attention also should be paid to the procuring of maps.

We have too great a variety of text-books, and hence too many classes. A teacher may exercise skill in classifying his scholars, but no teacher can arrange his classes to advantage, when the scholars are allowed to use any text-book they please. There should be more uniformity, and a less variety of text-books, and consequently fewer classes. A copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, in each school, in the care of the teacher during term-time, and used by the scholars as a reference book, would be an invaluable acquisition.

Our statistics show too much tardiness. This evil lies with the parents and guardians, and not in the schools, and where shall we look for the remedy, but to the source from whence the evil springs? Teachers should be more prompt in completing their registers at the close of the school. If approved, the teacher should then present the register to the Prudential Committee before receiving pay for their services.

The more experience your committee have in matters pertaining to our public schools, the more deeply are they impressed with their importance. Should we not cherish a deeper interest in that system which provides equally for the education of our youth of all classes? Constant watchfulness and unceasing care of our schools are necessary, in order that they may be productive of that good for which they were designed.

There are many in the several schools in town who are capable of becoming excellent scholars, and we would urge upon the parents the duty of giving them all the opportunities of acquiring an education which may be in their power to afford.

In reporting the several districts, the committee have pursued the course adopted by them last year. Each member reports the schools that he visited. Those in districts Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12, are reported by Mr. Spalding, and those in the other districts by M. P. Nichols.

Remarks on Individual Districts.

District No. I. Mr. Z. Farmer, Agent. For want of a proper place, the school in this district was kept in a room in Mr. Farmer's dwelling house, and in consequence, the winter money was judiciously expended in the fall. Both terms were under the charge of Miss Julia E. Hadley, of Eden, Vt., who was untiring in her exertions for the advancement of her pupils, and notwithstanding the-

disadvantages of a small room badly ventilated, her scholars made good progress. The Committee visited the school three times in the summer and twice in the fall term.

The order was good and the pupils appeared to render a willing obedience to the command of the teacher.

District No. II. Mr. Hartwell Green, Agent. No school in the summer. The winter term was under the care of Miss Martha E. Tufts, of Litchfield, whose faithful and earnest efforts seemed to be appreciated by her pupils. It is but justice to Miss Tufts, perhaps, to remark that her labors in this school give promise that she will rank high among teachers. Intellectually, this school will rank No. 1. The appearance of the school at the close, indicated that the scholars felt the importance of studying. Their answers were ready and very correct. Reading was particularly noticed as being far superior to what is usually heard. Parents in this district set a good example in visiting their school, and are amply rewarded for the interest they manifest, by the attainments made by the scholars in their studies.

District No. III. Mr. Jesse Parker, Agent. The summer term was kept by Miss Nancy F. Moore. During the first part of the term, previous to the vacation, the teacher was quite interested in her school, and very good improvement was perceptible. The school after vacation was not quite as profitable. Good attention was paid to reading, and the rules of reading, and also to the defining of words.

Winter term was in charge of Mr. B. F. Wallace, of Manchester, a teacher of established reputation. The teacher evidently endeavored to perform his duty faithfully, and a portion of the scholars were disposed to profit by his instructions. The second class in reading were well drilled in the defining of words, and in abbreviations, likewise in spelling. Some other classes appeared well, but there were some members of the school of whom we cannot report so favorably as we should wish to.

District No. IV. Wm. T. Parker, Esq., Agent. The summer term was under the care of Miss Nancy S. Colburn, of Temple, an experienced and successful teacher. Miss Colburn is one of our working teachers, who follows the business not merely for the pecuniary profit it affords, but out of a love for it, therefore her success is not at all to be wondered at. At the examination the scholars evinced a thoroughness in their studies, which won credit for themselves as well as their teacher. There were twenty-three persons present at the close.

The winter term was under the care of H. B. Spalding. The scholars made fair progress in their studies, but there was a want of interest on the part of the scholars, (and perhaps the teacher,)

which is easily accounted for by those acquainted with the circumstances.

In addition to this, a select school of ten weeks was kept in the fall by the same teacher, consisting of upwards of forty scholars, from several districts in town and Litchfield. A good degree of interest was manifested by the scholars, and good progress made. The examination occupied the whole day, during which several of the parents and citizens were present. The evening was devoted to rhetorical exercises.

District No. V. Walter Reed, Agent. The summer term was taught by Miss Martha R. Tufts, of Litchfield, who succeeded in winning the love and respect of her scholars, and although the school was small both in regard to numbers and stature, yet they made good progress in the studies pursued.

This was her first attempt at teaching, and although it would be hardly just to judge of her abilities as a teacher by this school, still judging by *this*, we should say she bids fair to become an efficient teacher. Her school this winter has been of a different character altogether.

The winter term of this school was taught by Miss Colburn, and owing to several scholars coming in from out of the district, the number was swelled from 12 to 27. This school was visited by the County Commissioner, and was considered by him as comparing favorably with the other schools in the county.

Owing to a severe storm, but few were present at the close. The exercises were of a creditable character, and the tears shed on the occasion told how strong was the cord that bound teacher to scholars.

District No. VI. A. B. Woodward, Agent. The summer term was kept by Miss Nancy J. McKean, of this town. Her first effort at teaching has proved successful, and we doubt not, with experience, she will become an efficient teacher. This school is very orderly, and evidently the children come here for the purpose of improvement. The examination was creditable to all concerned.

The winter term was kept by Mr. James Moore, of Nashua, a teacher of some experience, who labored hard to promote the interests of the school, in which he was successful. His motto seemed to be, "What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well."

District No. VII. Mr. Henry Blood, Agent. The summer and winter terms of this school were under the instruction of Miss Sarah E. Jones. Miss Jones enrolls her name upon the list of teachers with prospects of success. The fact that she was employed both terms, is sufficient evidence that her labors were acceptable to the district. The teacher, by her kind and gentle manner, won the love and respect of her pupils. The closing examination of the summer term passed off well, and was numerously attended by visitors. The

teacher being unwell, the last week of the winter term was kept by her brother, Mr. James Jones. The examination at the close of this term was satisfactory. The register shows that this school was visited by several eminent teachers, who were favorably impressed with its appearance.

District No. VIII. Mr. Jacob Burnap, Agent. The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Kate M. Spalding. The school was unusually small, and the term very short. It was conducted in a quiet and orderly manner, and all that could be reasonably expected under the circumstances was accomplished.

Winter term was taught Mr. Lucien Ingalls. Though there was manifestly a want of that life and activity in this school that would be desirable, yet, by the earnest and persevering efforts of the teacher, very good advancement was made in the various branches pursued. The improvement in writing was good.

Would it not be well for this district to have but one term of school during the year, commencing as early in the fall as practicable?

District No. IX. Mr. David Henderson, Agent. The summer term of this school, in charge of Miss Annette J. Parker, though quite large, was well conducted. The order was good, and the exercises at the close of the term gave credit to the teacher, and spoke well for the diligence of the scholars. A private school was kept during vacation, by Miss Martha E. Tufts.

The winter term was taught by Rev. Abel Fletcher. This term was short, and considerably interrupted by illness of the scholars. All the progress can be reported that could be expected under the circumstances. The teacher did not fail to exert himself for the benefit of the school. Constant application to study was required of the scholars, which resulted in a good examination.

District No. X. James W. Blood and Wm. O. Noyes, Agents. Teacher of summer term, Miss Sarah Longa. This we regard as one of our best schools. The committee visited it twice during this term, and considered that a fair improvement was made. The answers at the close of the school to the questions asked, were given correctly.

Teacher of winter term, Miss Sophia E. Phelps, of Amherst, a teacher of much experience. This has been a long and successful term. Good order has been maintained throughout, without an instance of corporeal punishment. The secret of this was explained by tearful eyes and sad countenances when teacher and scholars were about to separate. The progress made was good. The examination was thorough and satisfactory. Several inhabitants of the district were present, manifesting good interest in the school.

District No. XI. Jotham Robbins, Agent. The school in this district has been, for the past year, except short vacations, under the care of Miss Aurissa D. Merrill, of Nashua. Miss Merrill seems to have a way of her own which is entirely original. She is mild in her manner, yet commands perfect obedience. The school is now in session, being kept at private expense. The scholars have made commendable progress in the branches pursued, and are worthy of much credit, as well as their teacher.

District No. XII. James S. Mooney, Agent. The summer term was kept by their former teacher, Miss Bills, of Amherst, who labored as usual, for the welfare of her pupils. It was thought best that the money in this district should be schooled out in the fall. Consequently the fall term was commenced by the same teacher, but in consequence of the sickness and death of her father, she was obliged to resign it into the hands of Miss Crosby, of Milford, for the last four weeks. The school at the examination appeared better than could have been expected, in consequence of a change of teachers so near its close. The inhabitants in this district manifest a good degree of interest.

The above report is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW P. NICHOLS, } Superintending
HOSEA B. SPALDING, } School Committee.

Merrimack, February 26, 1858.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimack :

The time has arrived when you will expect of us, as town officers, to lay before you the financial condition of the town.

RECEIPTS.

Whole amount of assessments committed to	
Reuben H. Pratt for collection,	2355 37
Received of Thomas Parker,	26 00
“ Literary fund,	116 48
“ of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	304 12
“ County, for support of poor,	95 44
“ John Kennard, money borrowed,	100 00
“ Jeremiah Woods, do.	115 09
“ from Reuben H. Pratt on settlement,	45
“ “ sale of Hiram Roby's clothing,	15 09
	\$3128 04

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Schools, whole amount,	1024 38
County tax,	540 27
State tax,	305 90
Teachers' Institute,	19 20
	1889 75

Roads and Bridges.

Paid old bills for breaking out roads,	155 92
Repairs of bridge near J. Mooney's,	61 84
“ “ near Eayres's mill,	14 83
“ “ near J. Clark's,	6 50
“ “ and road near A. Holt's,	48 80
“ “ near Robbins's mill,	5 60
“ “ near Ward Parker's,	350 00
	643 49

Incidental Expenses.

Paid John Conrey, for journey to county farm,	3 00
David B. Elliott, expense on rifle guns,	6 00
Teachers' Institute tax,	19 20
Insurance on town buildings,	6 63
Town of Amherst, taxes,	61
B. B. Whittemore, last year's report,	28 75
Albin Beard, advertising,	75
For stationery,	5 55
R. H. Pratt, car fare to Concord,	2 00

 72 49
Town Officers.

Hosea B. Spalding, superintending school com.,	25 00
Matthew P. Nichols, do.	25 00
David Jones, selectman and overseer of poor,	50 00
Thomas Parker, do. do.	40 00
Abial Holt, do. do.	30 00
Leonard Walker, town clerk,	8 00
“ “ notifying jurors, and stationery,	2 00
Reuben H. Pratt, collector of taxes,	44 00
Samuel Fuller, town treasurer,	5 00

 229 00
Support of Poor off the Farm.

Paid Mr. Leonard for support of his brother,	26 00
Funeral charges of Hiram Roby,	36 38
Daniel Larabee for support of his son,	52 00
A. McC. Wilkins, support of Lucy Wilkins,	23 15
Goods for support of John Stone's family,	10 00
Do. for Mrs. King,	8 00
Do. for Charles Goodwin,	2 00
Do. for George G. Monin,	9 00
Wood for do.	1 00— 10 00
Goods for Mr. Pratt's family,	15 00
Wood for do.	2 25
Car fare for do.	2 00— 19 25
Goods for Jos. Wilkinson's family,	15 00
Wood for do.	5 12— 20 12
Goods for James Garland's family,	10 00
R. H. Pratt, boarding William Henderson's wife,	5 00
City of Nashua, support of Sarah Barnes,	3 00
Dr. H. Eaton, professional services,	3 00

 227 90
Whole Amount of Expenditures.

For Schools,	1024 38
County tax,	540 27
State tax,	305 90
Teachers' Institute,	19 20

 1889 75

Roads and Bridges,	643 49	
Incidental Expenses,	72 49	
Support of poor off the farm,	224 25	
Town officers,	229 00	
Cash balance against town farm,	274 93	
	<hr/>	\$3333 91
Whole amount of assessment and receipts,		3128 04
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Balance against the town,		\$205 87
Add note in favor of Thomas Parker,	26 00	
" " " " " John Kennard,	100 00	
" " " " " Jeremiah Woods,	115 00	
Outstanding orders against the town, prior to March 1st, 1857,	70 02	
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Total town debt,		\$516 89
Amount in the treasury,	1 07	
Note against Timothy F. Moor,	89 00	
Due from the county,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$110 07
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Total balance against the town,		\$406 82

In the above expenditures, \$375.00 has been paid for outstanding debts against the town, over and above the resources prior to March 1st, 1857.

REMARKS.

The foregoing statements exhibit the transactions of the Selectmen for the past year, and the condition of the financial business of the town up to March 1, 1858. In regard to the town farm, it will be seen that there is quite a balance against it. This may be accounted for in part by the high prices of the necessary articles for the family, repairs on buildings, and the difference in the value of property, compared with last year.

We would recommend for the future, a standard valuation to be made in the appraisal of property at the farm. We found things in and about the buildings in good condition, and think much praise is due Mrs. Coburn for her faithful management.

We find the town by the report, to be about \$400 in debt.

We think if the town would raise \$500, (which is the amount that was raised last year,) together with the other available means, it will be sufficient for all purposes, and for the payment of most, or all of the debts.

In regard to the Liquor Agency, we are not prepared to give a full report. But we are assured by Mr. Nourse that it has paid its way.

In regard to the new road near Ward Parker's, we are aware that there is some hard feeling against us, in the decision we made for building the same. Suffice it to say, we thought it the only course we could take, to save the town from additional expense; we would say that we feel ourselves justified in the course we took, and hold ourselves ready to give further explanation if wanted.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

DAVID JONES,	} Selectmen of Merrimack.
THOMAS PARKER,	
ABIAL HOLT,	

Merrimack, March 1, 1858.

ALMSHOUSE REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Robert McGaw, 20½ lbs. dried apple,	2 56
Daniel Parker, 10 do.	1 25
David Jones, 8 do.	1 00
J. B. Chandler, 6 hens,	2 00
Peter Woods, 9 hens,	2 75
Hartman Longa, 2 tons hay,	32 00
Horse baiting, and dinner,	33
George Herrick, horse keeping,	2 00
Mark Gillis, 10 bush. potatoes,	8 00
J. B. Chandler, 3 lbs. butter,	75
J. Gould, 8 lbs. dried apple,	1 00
Horse baiting,	50
J. B. Nevens, for use of oxen,	2 00
J. B. Nevens, 1 calf,	7 00
William Moor, 1 yoke oxen,	140 00
Levi Fisher, 3 hens,	1 00
J. B. Nevens, 1 turkey and chickens,	2 25
Reuben Barnes, 1 bridle,	25
Mrs. Carter, for yarn,	20
S. C. Nesmith, 1 pair feeting,	50
A. C. Darrah, 1 lb. rolls,	50
Peter Whittemore, 16 chickens,	4 00
J. B. Nevens, 1 calf,	4 50

Edward Coburn, 33 weeks horse keeping,	66 00
A. C. Darrah, 1 cheese,	1 22
J. B. Nevens, 2 calves,	9 00
Mrs. Nevens, 1 bbl. apples,	2 00
“ “ 1 turkey,	1 00
A. C. Darrah, 1 turkey,	1 00
Robert Boutell, 1 turkey,	1 00
S. Hawkins, 1 bbl. apples,	2 00
Merrill & Stevens, 9 pairs feeding,	4 14
M. B. McConihe, 1 turkey,	75
Mr. Davis, 1 pair feeding,	56
Mr. Nichols, for butchering,	25
A. C. Darrah, do.	50
J. B. Chandler, do.	25
Simeon Kenney, Jr. do.	1 00
Z. G. Perry, 4 chickens,	1 00
James Darrah, 1 lb. rolls,	50
Patrick Sweany, 1 pair feeding,	50
Mr. Bailey, 1 pair oxen,	170 00
Anderson & Parker, 66 lbs. butter,	15 75
“ “ 5 pairs feeding,	2 50
“ “ for eggs,	6 14
“ “ 1 hide,	3 00
“ “ 50½ lbs. pork,	7 57
David Sweet, 1 chestnut log,	45
Money borrowed of John Kennard to pay for C.	
Dodge's oxen,	100 00
George Conant, cow and calf,	50 00
Peter Whittemore, for board,	35 00
O. P. Bristol, 10 pairs feeding,	4 00
“ 105 lbs. butter,	24 21
“ 5 turkeys,	5 04
“ 30 lbs butter,	6 60
J. B. Nevens, pasturing sheep,	48
J. H. Coburn; “ cow,	2 00
“ 1 bushel turnips,	16
Amasa Esty, pasturing horse,	2 00
Reuben Melvin, for pickles,	30
Robert Boutell, for timber,	1 50
O. P. Bristol, 2 pairs feeding,	80
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	\$747 51

EXPENDITURES.

UNDER THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF EDWARD COBURN, JR.

Paid David Jones, 1 pair oxen,	170 00
Isaac Parker, 2 heifers,	27 50
Peter Woods, labor,	4 12
Cash paid for medicine,	3 28
S. C. Nesmith, sharpening saw,	40

One dish pan,	50
Julia Marshall, labor,	31 00
Martha Melvin, do.	27 00
4 pans,	2 35
4 shoats,	2 14
O. P. Bristol, 1 bbl. flour,	8 25
Miss Parker, for spinning,	75
P. W. Jones, 1 pig,	4 00
2 shovels,	2 16
R. Cheever, 1 bushel beans,	2 50
G. Small, blacksmith work,	2 15
Isaac Parker, 2 pigs,	6 00
Merrill Stevens,	93
J. B. Nevens, 15 lbs. veal,	1 00
Levi Fisher, 1 sheep and lamb,	6 00
G. Small, blacksmith work,	40
For lock,	20
M. B. McConihe, for shingles,	12 00
J. B. Nevens, for veal and beef,	2 12
Aaron Gage, 8 bushels oats,	4 00
George Drew, labor,	5 65
David Sweet, shingles,	3 50
Merrill Parker, coopering,	35
Cake soap,	10
James Fosdick, 1 bolt,	08
G. Small, blacksmith work,	1 17
Aaron Gage, 2 bushels oats,	1 00
Charles Blood, work,	38 25
H. H. Peters, carding wool,	1 26
Isaac McQuesten, 1 cow,	30 00
E. P. Parkhurst, 2 bushels corn,	2 50
Charles Campbell, boot between cows,	14 00
G. Small, blacksmith work,	36
Molasses faucet,	25
Nathan Parker, 1 bushel rye,	1 25
Nathan Parker, extracting teeth,	50
" " 15 lbs. zinc,	1 50
E. Parkhurst, 4 bushels corn,	5 00
J. H. Coburn, 2 calves,	24 00
C. Dodge, 1 pair oxen and interest,	100 68
Mending tin ware,	37
Merrill & Stevens, store goods,	12 14
Spinning yarn,	75
Freeman Nichols, work,	1 20
W. McN. Smith, mending shoes,	15
Mr. Chandler, spinning yarn,	1 50
Patrick Turney, work,	1 00
D. Sweet, sawing,	7 40
Dr. George W. Moor,	4 00
G. Small, blacksmith work,	2 58

Geo. Walker, do.	8 42	
Simeon Kenney, ox work,	1 50	
Israel Fuller, vinegar,	75	
Anderson & Parker, store goods,	109 92	
Hoe,	62	
James Fosdick, blacksmith work,	70	
O. P. Bristol, store goods,	67 50	
Miss Wilson, work.	50	
Peter Whittemore, labor,	45 00	
Reuben Melvin, 3 gallons vinegar,	60	
Robert Boutell, sharpening saws,	75	
O. P. Bristol, store goods,	80	
Anderson & Parker, do.	2 14	
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		\$822 44
Edward Parker, superintendent town farm,	200 00	
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		\$1022 44
Total receipts,		747 51
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Balance against the farm,		\$274 93
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Invoice of Personal Property at the Almshouse, March 1, 1858.

1 horse,	60 00	70 " potatoes,	35 00
1 pair oxen,	130 00	600 lbs. salt pork & ham,	66 00
8 cows,	240 00	150 " " beef,	10 00
3 yearling calves,	35 00	1½ bbl. cider,	4 00
11 sheep,	38 00	½ bbl. vinegar,	2 00
3 shoats,	30 00	40 lbs. cheese,	3 00
3 turkies,	3 00	8 bushels turnips,	1 50
25 chickens,	8 00	40 gallons pickles,	6 00
		20 lbs. tallow,	2 00
	<hr/>	70 " lard,	9 00
	\$544 00	40 " butter,	8 00
<i>Hay and Grain.</i>		5 gallons molasses,	1 50
13 tons English hay,	130 00	⅔ bbl. flour,	4 00
3 tons meadow hay,	15 00	½ " soap grease,	3 00
1½ tons straw,	7 50	⅓ " soap,	1 25
30 bushels corn,	30 00	50 lbs. dried apples,	5 00
Seed corn,	2 00	1 peck cranberries,	50
38 bushels oats,	11 00	20 lbs. dried pumpkin,	1 50
12 bushels rye,	12 00	½ bushel grass seed,	1 50
		⅓ bbl. rye meal,	1 00
	<hr/>	⅓ " Indian do.	1 00
	\$207 50		
<i>Provisions.</i>			
1½ bushels beans,	3 00		
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			\$169 75
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Personal property at the Almshouse March 1, 1857 :

Stocks, shoats, &c.,	494 00	
Hay and Grain,	295 00	
Provisions,	191 20	
Farming tools,	194 55	
Household furniture,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1324 75

Personal property at the Almshouse, March 1, 1858 :

Stock, shoats, &c.	544 00	
Hay and grain,	207 50	
Provisions,	169 75	
Farming tools, same as last year,	191 20	
Household furniture, do.	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1262 45

Decrease from 1857,

\$62 30

DAVID JONES,
THOMAS PARKER,
ABIAL HOLT,

} Selectmen and
Overseers of
the Poor.

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